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Report from Santiago—Hemoglobinuric fever—Scarcity of water—Mortality statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, September 8, as follows: Week ended September 5, 1903. Bills of health issued to six vessels bound for the United States and Porto Rico.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

On August 31 one death was reported from hemoglobinuric fever. The deceased was a white woman, 28 years old, a native of Puerto Principe. I call attention to this, as it is the first time I have seen this diagnosis in Santiago de Cuba, and having in mind my letter of September 5 reporting the disease in Daiquiri. In the weekly statistics I classified it under malarial fever.

The question of the water supply is again being agitated.

The water does not seem to be very abundant now and it is very muddy.

Mortality report of Santiago de Cuba for the week ended September 5, 1903.

Causes of death.	Number.
Malarial fever.....	1
Malarial fever (hemoglobinuric).....	1
Erysipelas.....	1
Tubercle of lungs.....	2
Empyema.....	1
Hernia, strangulated.....	1
Congenital debility.....	1
Senility.....	1
Ill-defined or unspecified.....	1
Total.....	10

Annual rate of mortality, 12 per 1,000; estimated population, 43,000.

Report for month of August, 1903.

The number of bills of health issued was 19. This is a slight increase over July (16), but is still lower than for any month since May, 1902, when the government of American intervention terminated.

The total number of deaths for the month is 65. This is the lowest number for any month this year, except for April, when there were only 59 deaths. The decrease is in general diseases (of which there were 8 less) and in digestive diseases (of which there were 25 less) most of the last being under 2 years of age.

During August there were reported 3 cases of measles and several cases of diphtheria; all recovered.

Report for the month of August, Santiago de Cuba.

Bills of health issued and outgoing vessels inspected.....	19
Crews.....	680
Passengers.....	243
Deaths from all causes (stillbirths not counted).....	65
Cases of other contagious diseases reported in city.....	a 3

^aThree cases of measles and several cases of diphtheria (mild).